

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

August 18, 2006



M. Jodi Rell
Governor

Ms. Evonne M. Klein
First Selectwoman
Town of Darien
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, CT 06820

Dear First Selectwoman Klein:

I would like to applaud the hard work of the Darien residents serving on the committee to investigate the benefits of creating a new health district with the Town of New Canaan or becoming a full time health department.

Pamela Kilbey-Fox has kept Deputy Commissioner Gyle and I fully informed of the diligent work and progress made by the committee over the past seven months. I am confident that Pamela has explained the need for full time public health coverage at the local level. I would also like to express this administrations support in the formation and/or joining of municipalities to existing public health districts. Districts are not only able to provide full time public health capacity on day-to-day matters, but are more able to respond to public health emergencies when they occur. The member towns of health districts are often able to provide their residents full time public health coverage at a lower per capita contribution due to the economy of scale. Pamela will continue to be our liaison and support you and your residents in any way possible.

Thank you for investigating full time public health for the residents of Darien.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Robert Galvin M.D. MPH".

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